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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE--MAY 5 BUREAU MEETING

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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES TO EFFECT THAT SECRETARIAT MAY NOT BE TAKING INTO FULL ACCOUNT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED, AND EVEN FORMAL POSITIONS PUT FORWARD, BY VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS DURING AND AFTER THE MARCH 5-7 MEETING ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS "STRUCTURE" AND THE PROGRAM OF THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT TASK FORCE. THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO VERIFY FROM HERE AND OFTEN SOUND EXAGGERATED. HOWEVER, THE ISSUES ARE POTENTIALLY SERIOUS ENOUGH SO THAT WE INTEND TO TRY TO DISCUSS THEM CANDIDLY AND IN DEPTH DURING RODERICK'S MID-MAY VISIT.

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2. THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AT THE MAY 5 MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE BUREAU IN A FRAMEWORK WHICH DOES NOT ADEQUATELY OR ACCURATELY REPRESENT THE VIEWS

AND CONCERNS OF COUNTRIES NOT REPRESENTED ON THE BUREAU. IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT ANY EXPANSION OF SECRETARIAT RESOURCES MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT TASK FORCE MIGHT SERVE AS A VEHICLE FOR A DE FACTO WEAKENING OF THE SECTOR GROUPS' PROGRAMS. ALSO, THAT THE SECRETARIAT AND THE BUREAU MAY REACH

GENERAL ACCORD ON STRUCTURAL OR OTHER ISSUES WHICH WOULD NOT REPRESENT THE CLEAR CONSENSUS OF THE MARCH MEETING THAT THE MATTER(S) SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DE NOVO AT THE JUNE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE. (IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT THE US POSITION ON THE STRUCTURE ISSUE (STATE 71198) WAS PRESENTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARIAT AND MADE KNOWN TO KEY DELEGATIONS FROM OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS INFO RE ANY REACTIONS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE MISSION.)

3. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING ANY THOUGHTS MISSION MIGHT HAVE ON THESE ISSUES. IN VIEW OF TIMING, HOWEVER, UNLESS MISSION BELIEVES IT INADVISABLE, IT IS REQUESTED TO EXPLAIN TO RODERICK--PREFERABLY BEFORE OR DURING THE MAY BUREAU MEETING OR, IF NOT PRACTICABLE, AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE--THE STRONG US DESIRE (1) THAT PREPARATIONS FOR THE JUNE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF ALL COUNTRIES AS EXPRESSED AT THE MARCH MEETING, THE POSITIONS ON STRUCTURE SUBMITTED THEREAFTER, AND THE RESULTS OF THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT MEETING, (2) THAT NO UNRESOLVED ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE BE GIVEN CURSORY TREATMENT MERELY BECAUSE ALL COUNTRIES WITH SPECIFIC, VARYING VIEWS, WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT THE MAY 5 MEETING OF THE BUREAU, AND (3) THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS BE PRESENTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH A DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE JUNE SESSION AS WELL AS ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION ON THE ISSUES WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

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4. IN AMPLIFICATION, MISSION MAY STRESS THAT WE FAVOR AN ACTIVE, SUBSTANTIVE, EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. TO PROMOTE ITS EFFECTIVENESS, WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT IN THE JUNE SESSION THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT FACE A SITUATION IN WHICH IT IS ASKED AT THE LAST MINUTE TO APPROVE POSITIONS OR PROGRAMS WHICH ARE COMPLETELY NEW, INADEQUATELY COORDINATED, OR NOT CONSISTENT WITH AN EARLIER CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE. KISSINGER

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